













# **Layton Boulevard West Neighborhoods**

Achieving neighborhood impact through asset-based community development



## <u>Agenda</u>



- Overview of LBWN & Neighborhoods
- Transition to asset-based community development
  - Healthy Neighborhoods Approach
- Impact & Lessons Learned
- Q&A



## **Founding of LBWN**







Founded by the School Sisters of Saint Francis in 1995 to stabilize and revitalize the Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park neighborhoods.



## The Neighborhoods

■■Silver City ■■■ ■■■Burnham Park ■■■ **BBBL**Ayton Park **BBB** 

## **Key Neighborhood Statistics**

- 66% Latino; 22% Caucasian; 5% African American; 4% Asian American
- 84% owner occupancy (single-family homes)
- 33% of neighbors under age 18
- 71.9% household earn at/below 80% County Median Income



## **Early Years: Deficit-Based**







#### **Turning Point: Healthy Neighborhoods**

Definition of a Healthy Neighborhood

- A place where it makes economic and emotional sense for people to invest time, energy, and money, and
- A place where neighbors can successfully manage neighborhood-related day-to-day issues.







#### **Healthy Neighborhood Outcome Areas**

- Image/Identity how your neighborhood is perceived
- Market how the real estate market reflects confidence
- Physical Conditions reflect pride and high standards
- Neighborhood Management capacity to address day to day issues







#### **Turning Point: Quality of Life Plan**

Over 250 neighbors & stakeholders partnered with LBWN to develop a shared neighborhood vision. (<a href="mailto:lbwn.org/qualityoflife">lbwn.org/qualityoflife</a>)





#### **Case Studies**

- Grassroots Leadership Development
- Accelerating Home Purchase and Renovation







#### **Grassroots Leadership Development**

**Focus**: social engagement and community safety through block clubs and projects.







#### **Home Purchase & Neighborhood Marketing**

**Focus**: building homeownership demand by positioning neighborhood as one of choice.







#### **Home Purchase: Turnkey Homes**

**Focus**: restoring historic charm while upgrading homes for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.











#### **Home Improvements**

Focus: connecting homeowners with resources to revitalize historic housing.



**Before** 

- 1,100 Homes Improved
- \$7.8 Million Invested



After



#### Matching Grant Projects (2012-present)

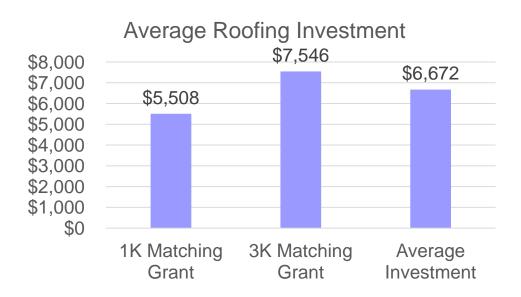
245 properties improved
Total investment of \$818,950
Owner investment of \$581,715
Grant investment of \$237,293
Nearly a 2.5:1 return on investment
About 27% investor owned

#### \$3,000 Roofing Matching Grant Projects (2015)

16 properties improved
Total investment of \$120,738
Owner investment of \$76,740
Grant investment of \$43,997
Nearly a 1.5:1 return on investment
About 43% investor owned

#### Neighbors have used both grants to complete roofing repairs...

- 17 neighbors applied for the 3K roofing grant, 16 completed projects
- 19 neighbors applied for the 1K matching grant, 12 completed project







## **Impact**

- \$43.2 million in neighborhood investment since 1995
  - \$7.8 million in home improvements
  - \$6.8 million in 77 home sales
  - \$9.2 million in business improvements
- 32 new businesses; 119 new jobs
- 15,000+ neighbors engaged in 259 events



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#### **Lessons Learned**

- Asset-based vs. deficit-based
  - 94% of total investment occurred since 2005
- Listening to neighbors is paramount
- Neighborhood Marketing to drive investments
- Investment vs. charity
- Leverage opportunities to cluster impact



### **Thank You**

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